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In re application of **Crockett, et al** : Date: January 22, 2002
Serial Number: not assigned : Group Art Unit: 2841 of parent application
Filed: herewith : Examiner: I. Patel of parent application.
Title: **Insertion of Electrical Component within a Via of a Printed Circuit Board** : **IBM CORPORATION**
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH DIVISIONAL
APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

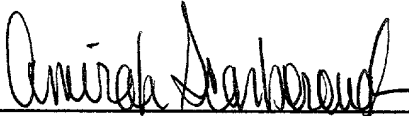
This preliminary amendment is submitted together with a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of prior application serial number 09/775,250 filed February 1, 2001.

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A copy of the original application is being filed herewith. For purposes of the present continuation application, please amend the original application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please insert the following paragraph at Page 1, after the title.

---CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional application of filed co-pending parent application serial number 09/775250 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 1, 2001, as attorney docket number RPS920000103US1 the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference.---

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 20.

REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed with a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). Claims 21 - 40 are being presented for examination. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned, "**Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Date: 1-22-02

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Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Specification:

After the title on page 1, the following paragraph has been added:

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In the claims:

Claims 1 - 20 have been cancelled.